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SUBJECT: WEINBERGER VISIT: MEETING WITH MINISTER OF  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE SLIWINSKI  
9 A.M. AUGUST 29, 1973.

FOR DR. AUSTIN

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION HAS NOT  
BEEN CLEARED BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER. PARTICIPANTS  
IN THIS HOUR AND TEN MINUTE MEETING WERE MINISTER OF  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE MARIAN SLIWINSKI; VICE MINISTER OF  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE JOZEF GRENDA;  
PROF. WITOLD RUDOWSKI, PRESIDENT, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY  
COUNCIL TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE,  
JAN SIEKLUCKI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN  
COOPERATION, HEALTH MINISTRY; PROF. ANDRZEJ WOJTCZAK,  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, HEALTH  
MINISTRY; PROF. JANUSZ JELJASZEWICZ, CHAIRMAN  
COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR US-POLISH COOPERATION;  
LYDIA RETKOWSKA, OF THE HEALTH MINISTRY, WHO INTER-  
PRETED; SECRETARY WEINBERGER; AMBASSADOR DAVIES; DR. CHARLES  
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EDWARDS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DHEW, DR. ROGER O. EGEBERG,

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH POLISH;  
DR. S. PAUL EHRLICH JR., ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL;  
DR. GRANVILLE S. AUSTIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; MR. WILLIAM H.  
TAFT IV, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY; MR.  
HERBERT RUTT, PERSONAL AIDE TO THE SECRETARY;  
ALLEN S. S. GREENBERG, SCIENCE ATTACHE;  
ALEXANDER WIECHOWSKI, US EMBASSY INTERPRETER.

2. AFTER WELCOMING REMARKS, MINISTER SLIWINSKI ASKED  
PROF. JELIASZEWICZ TO PRESENT A BRIEF STATUS REPORT  
ON US-POLISH COOPERATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES.  
PROF. JELIASZEWICZ STATED THAT DURING THE PAST ELEVEN  
YEARS 96 JOINT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, OF WHICH  
32 HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND 64 ARE ONGOING. THE  
ESTIMATED COST TO DATE IS APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION.  
COOPERATION HAS BEEN GREATLY FACILITATED BY THE FACT  
THAT HEALTH PRIORITIES IN POLAND AND THE US ARE QUITE  
SIMILAR. OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN  
ARE IN THE AREAS OF MUTUAL PRIORITY INTEREST IDENTIFIED  
IN THE MARCH 15, 1973, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DHEW.

3. COOPERATION IS PROCEEDING ON THREE FRONTS: JOINT  
RESEARCH PROJECTS, MONOGRAPHS AND INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIA. THE POLISH SIDE IS QUITE PLEASED WITH THE  
MONOGRAPH PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES BETTER DISSEMINATION  
OF POLISH HEALTH RESEARCH RESULTS. ON INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIUM ON BIOLOGICAL DEFECTS HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE  
IN POLAND AND ANOTHER ON THE BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF  
MICROWAVES IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1973. THE POLISH  
SIDE RECOGNIZES THAT SYMPOSIA CAN BE VERY USEFUL,  
BUT UNDERSTANDS THAT DISCRIMINATION MUST BE EXERCISED  
IN THE SPONSORSHIP OF THESE EXPENSIVE EVENTS. JOINT  
RESEARCH PROJECTS HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL AS THEY PROVIDE  
A FOCUS FOR POLISH HEALTH RESEARCH AND PROMOTE VALUABLE  
CONTRACTS WITH US SCIENTIST. OVER THE YEARS, GENUINE  
PARTNERSHIP HAS DEVELOPED WITH A NUMBER OF DHEW  
RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN REHABILITATION,  
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NEUROLOGY, VIRAL HEPATITIS, BACTERIOLOGY AND HEALTH  
STATISTICS. CONTACTS WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-  
ISTRATION HAVE ALSO INCREASED RECENTLY. THE POLISH  
SIDE CONSIDERS THAT THE TYPES OF COOPERATION THAT  
HAVE DEVELOPED ARE HIGHLY SATISFACTORY AND SHOULD BE  
CONTINUED AT THE SAME PACE INTO THE FUTURE. THE  
PRIORITIES LISTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ARE EXCELLENT GUIDELINES, BUT FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR

APPLICATION IS REQUIRED TO ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WORTHY PROJECTS IN OTHER FIELDS.

4. MINISTER SLIWINSKI THEN PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE US DELEGATION: A) ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT POLISH-AMERICAN COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF SEVERAL PERSONS ON EACH SIDE, TO MEET ANNUALLY FOR AN EVALUATION OF ONGOING PROGRAMS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR FURTHER COOPERATION; B) CREATION OF A FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG POST-DOCTORALS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES, WITH IN-COUNTRY COSTS COVERED BY THE RECEIVING COUNTRY AND TRAVEL PROVIDED BY THE SENDING COUNTRY; C) ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF EXCHANGE VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS TO ALLOW FOR SHORT STAYS BY OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS FOR TEACHING AND LECTURING; AND D) FOSTERING OF DIRECT COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND LABORATORIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES. MINISTER SLIWINSKI STATED THAT THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS WERE AN ATTEMPT TO PUT SOME OF THE HEALTH COOPERATION OUTSIDE OF PL-480 FINANCING, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LOOKING TOWARDS THE DAY WHEN PL-480 FUNDS WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. THE EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS COULD BEGIN WITH A MODEST ANNUAL NUMBER, AND THEN BE INCREASED AS JUSTIFIED BY EXPERIENCE.

5. SECRETARY WEINBERGER ASKED WHETHER THE PROPOSED JOINT COMMISSION WOULD REPLACE THE US-POLISH COORDINATING COMMISSION, PRESENTLY CHAIRED BY PROF. JELASZEWICZ. MINISTER SLIWINSKI RESPONDED THAT PROF. JELASZEWICZ WOULD CONTINUE TO COORDINATE PL-480 PROJECTS, BUT THE JOINT COMMISSION WOULD BE CONCERNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESSENTIALLY WITH PROJECTS DEVELOPING OUTSIDE OF PL-480 FINANCING. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LONG HISTORY OF EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS, THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IS IN VERY GOOD HANDS NOW. IN COUNTRIES WHERE WE ARE JUST BEGINNING COOPERATIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE USSR, A JOINT COMMISSION IS NECESSARY; HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO DESTROY WHAT IS ALREADY WORKING SO WELL WITH POLAND. AS COOPERATION DEVELOPS OUTSIDE OF PL-480 FINANCING, THE SITUATION CAN AGAIN BE REVIEWED AND ANY NECESSARY CHANGES IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTED. MINISTER SLIWINSKI AGREED THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION PROPOSAL SHOULD BE REVIEWED AT A LATER DATE.

6. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT BROADENING OF EXCHANGES,

IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF YOUNGER HEALTH RESEARCHERS, IS  
WELCOMED IN PRINCIPLE. THE SECRETARY ASKED IF THE  
FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL WAS RELATED TO THE PRIORITY AREAS  
OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. DR. EDWARDS HERE

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INTERJECTED THAT THE WORTH OF AN EVENTUAL FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM WOULD BE EASIER TO EVALUATE IF IT WERE REALTED  
TO ONGOING COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. MINISTER SLIWINSKI  
RESPONDED THAT THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM COULD BE MORE  
VALUABLE IF NOT RESTRICTED TO ONGOING COOPERATION.  
CONTACT WITH THE US HEALTH COMMUNITY IS OF GREAT BENEFIT  
TO POLAND. POLISH RESEARCHERS ON PL-480 PROJECTS DO  
NOT, IN GENERAL, HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF CONTACT WITH  
THEIR US COLLEAGUES AS CAN BE OBTANIED THROUGH FELLOW-  
SHIPS. ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS  
WAS THE TRAINING OF 20 YOUNG POLISH SURGEONS AT DR.  
DEBAKEY'S CLINIC IN HOUSTON. THIS TYPE OF FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM OUGHT TO BE FOSTERED EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT  
SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO RESEARCH, AND SURGERY IS NOT  
ONE OF THE PRIORITY AREAS LISTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD  
BE HPAPPY TO CONSIDER ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR  
FWLLOWSHIP OR VISITING PROFESSORSHIP PROGRAMS, IN SURGERY

OR OTHER FIELDS, THAT THE HEALTH MINISTRY WISHED TO PROPOSE. THESE NEED NOT BE RESTRICTED TO US GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSTITUTIONS, BUT COULD ALSO INVOLVE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. MINISTER SLIWINSKI RESPONDED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLISH PROPOSALS ON FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS WILL BE DETAILED AND FORWARDED TO DHEW THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN WARSAW.

7. SECRETARY WEINBERGER STATED THAT THE US RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE REGARDING THE PRIORITIES LISTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. FOR EXAMPLE, COOPERATION WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN SUCH AREAS AS BIOLOGICS AND DRUG AND FOOD SAFETY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADDITION TO THE PRIORITY LIST AT THE NEXT BILATERAL REVIEW OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAM, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, 1974.

8. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT URGENT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE COOPERATION PROGRAM IN VIEW OF THE PROJECTED EXHAUSTION OF US OWNED ZLOTYS WITHIN THE NEXT 5 TO 8 YEARS. WHILE THE PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL AND HIGHLY VALUED, WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROPRIATE DOLLARS TO CONTINUE COOPERATION ONCE THE ZLOTYS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS THE CREATION OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND TO WHICH POLAND THE US WOULD CONTRIBUTE EQUAL SHARES. COOPERATION MIGHT BE FINANCED SOLELY FROM THE ACCRUED INTEREST, THUS ASSURING SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM IN PERPETUITY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE REMINING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COOPERATION MIGHT BE ALLOCATED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO INSURE THE MOST RATIONAL USE OF RESOURCES AND PROVIDE FOR THE LONGEST POSSIBLE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM. MINISTER SLIWINSKI STATED THE POLISH SIDE IS AWARE OF THE RAPID EXHAUSTION OF US-OWNED ZLOTYS, AND THAT ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND. THE POLISH SIDE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILED SUGGESTION FROM THE US ON THIS MATTER. THE SECRETARY AGREED TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS, AND NOTED THAT A STEP HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN WITH THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH ENJOINS BOTH SIDES TO DEVELOP COOPERATION OUTSIDE OF PL-480 FINANCING.

9. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE HAD PROPOSED TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIAL WELFARE SEVERAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS ON SOCIAL SERVICES, INCOME MAINTENANCE, PROBLEMS OF THE AGEING AND THE TRAINING OF SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF RESPONSE TO DATE, SINCE SEVERAL OF THESE PROJECTS INVOLVE COMMITMENTS BY DHEW TO MULTINATIONAL AGENCIES. PROF. JELJASZEWICZ RESPONDED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE COORDINATING COMMISSION ON US-POLISH COOPERATION AND MIGHT ALSO INVOLVE OTHER MINISTRIES. MINISTER SLIWINSKI INDICATED THAT THE STATUS OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE EXAMINED. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE WILL ACT AS THE COORDINATOR FOR THESE PROPOSALS IF OTHER AGENCIES OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT BECOME INVOLVED.

10. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT POLISH COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ON THE CRITICAL REVIEW PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERY VALUABLE; HOWEVER, FURTHER ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA SHOULD ADHERE TO THE PRIORITIES LISTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. MINISTER SLIWINSKI AGREED THAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED. RESEARCH DIRECTORS ARE NOW BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE PRIORITY LIST, AND THE POLISH SIDE MAY HAVE SOME PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS IN A YEAR OR TWO. IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO EXPAND THE LIST TOO WIDELY, BUT RATHER TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION IN A SMALLER NUMBER OF HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AREAS.  
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